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Applic. No. : 10/657,927 Confirmation No.: 5138
Inventor : Gerhard Zuch
Filed : September 9, 2003
Title : Guide Tube for an Instrumentation Lance Extending into a Pressure Vessel, Reactor Pressure Vessel, and a Method for Preventing the Accumulation of Particles Outside the Pressure Vessel in a Guide Tube
TC/A.U. : 3641
Examiner : Jack W. Keith
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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 11, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect:

Group I, claims 1-9

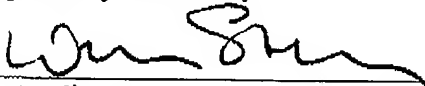
Species A, claims 3-6 (the embodiment of Figs. 1 and 2). The claims reading on Species A are 1-6 and 9.

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Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date, and/or to request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-9 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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